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SUBJECT AREA: Ground Forces	IEG PI NOTICE No. 17-82
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TITLE/SIGNIFICANCE: New Chinese Self-Propelled Howitzer	

COMMENT: A new self-propelled (SP) howitzer was identified for the first time on imagery in Harbin, Shenyang Military Region. This is the first observation in China of an SP gun with an enclosed turret. The new Chinese gun is similar in size and appearance to the Soviet 152mm SP howitzer M1973 with the most significant difference being in the length of the turret. Unlike the Soviet gun, the Chinese gun does not appear to have a cupola on the left side of the turret, the engine vents are probably larger and farther from the right side of the chassis, and a probable driver's hatch is on the left side of the vehicle forward of the engine vents. Dual equillibrators were discernible on one of the guns. The new Chinese gun is probably in the 152mm range due to its similarity to the Soviet 152mm gun. Since the Chinese already have a 122mm SP gun, a gun in the 152mm range would be a logical follow-on.

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LOCATION(S)Harbin Tank Production & Rebuild
Plant 674

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